



Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter

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The Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter is a publication of the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) providing Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations with current news about human services and community strengthening resources, workshops, events, and community coordinated initiatives that support the mission of Fairfax County Government.

If you have questions about an upcoming event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding an event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail to ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov. If you would like to be removed from the Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter, please send an e-mail with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line. Thank you.

For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/.

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Community Interfaith Liaison*

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Feature Article

Fairfax County Pilots Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN)

Fairfax County kicked off its Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) Pilot on June 28 before representatives of local faith communities, civic associations, businesses, and non-profit organizations at the Fairfax County Government Center. The CEAN will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications, and updates during a major crisis or emergency through each subscriber's:

- e-mail account
- cell phone
- text pager or Blackberry
- satellite phone
- wireless PDA

Faith communities interested in participating in the pilot should call Gerald Jaskulski of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2346, TTY 711 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HOW DOES CEAN WORK? When an incident or emergency occurs, authorized senders will notify subscribers using this alert network. The Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) is a connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, protective actions that need to be taken, and other important information.

Fairfax County Government offers the CEAN as a free public service that will be used in conjunction with other public warning systems already in use. It is intended for the use of county residents as well as people who work in Fairfax County. This service is dependent upon external services such as individual wireless carrier or e-mail delivery services. Fairfax County Government can make no guarantees that notifications will be received by the intended recipient. Service costs from the external carriers are the responsibility of the individual subscriber. For more information call Gerald Jaskulski at 703-324-2346, TTY 711.

FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION LINE
703-817-7771
TTY 711 (Virginia relay Center)

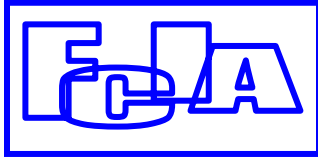
Dial 911 for Police, Fire, and Medical Emergencies

The Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line is your link to essential information during emergency events. During inclement weather or other types of local emergencies, Fairfax County provides current, accurate information about government office closures, service changes, and other pertinent instructions through this information line.

Call 703-817-7111, TTY 711 to speak with staff during normal government business hours (M-F, 8 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.) with extended hours during emergency events. At other times, callers can choose from a menu of recorded information or leave a message to have their call returned the next business day.

Multiple copies of an information flyer listing the Emergency Information Line and Other Information Resources may be obtained through the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs 703-324-3187, TTY 703 324-2935.

● — Faith Communities in Action — ●



Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County.

Please join us at our next meeting for an important
Special Presentation: ...

Human Trafficking – In Fairfax County?

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Government Center Conference Center Rooms 2 & 3
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

- An estimated 18,000 women and children are trafficked into the United States from other countries each year.
- Most of these victims are forced into prostitution or otherwise sexually exploited.
- Trafficking victims may also be forced into domestic servitude, prison-type factory labor, or migrant agricultural work.
- The Washington, DC Metro Area, including Northern Virginia, has been identified as having one of the higher known numbers of human trafficking occurrences in the U.S.

As a result, Boat People SOS has received Department of Justice and Office of Refugee Resettlement grants to provide public education, prevention and case management services to address this issue locally.

At FCIA's Wednesday, July 14, 2 p.m. meeting, Boat People SOS will help faith communities learn more about this issue, its local impact, and the community's prevention and response steps.

● Events...Workshops...Conferences ●

July 15 – 16, 2004

US Department of Health and Human Services and The Collaboration to AdoptUSKids presents ...

AdoptUSKids National Adoption
and
Foster Care Recruitment Summit

"Answering the Call: Partnering with Communities of Faith"

July 15 – 16, 2004

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road, N.W.
Washington, DC

The AdoptUSKids National Adoption and Foster Care Recruitment Summit, sponsored by the Children's Bureau at the Department of Health and Human Services and AdoptUSKids, offers a unique opportunity for leaders of the faith community to come together on behalf of the 126,000 children in the foster care system who are in need of loving, adoptive homes. This is an opportunity to learn more about these special children, to hear how community- and faith-based organizations are already making a difference, and to strategize with state adoption and foster care agencies about how congregations and faith-based organizations can get involved in improving the prospects for these children.

To register visit www.cwla.org/conferences/2004adoptuskids.htm.

July 17, 2004

The ADAMS Center presents ...

ADAMS Around the World Festival

Sunday, July 17, 2004
12 Noon – 6 p.m.

All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS Center)
46903 Sugarland Road
Sterling, Virginia

The ADAMS Center invites you to join them for their Around the World Festival ... an event for families. Come and get a souvenir passport and visit exhibits of Muslims from various countries around the world, sample some great food, and buy cultural gifts. For more information call 703-433-1325 Ext. 101 or visit their website at www.adamscenter.org.

July 17, 2004

Fairfax County Department of Family Services presents ...

Butterfly Days at Springfield Mall

Saturday, July 17, 2004
Saturday, July 24, 2004
and
Saturday, July 31, 2004
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Springfield Mall
6701 Loisdale Road
Springfield, VA

Come and participate in Butterfly Days. School-aged children around the county are hand-decorating butterflies to represent the 477 children in foster care in Fairfax County. The butterflies will be hung on trees placed throughout the county to raise awareness of these children and to encourage more people to consider joining the remarkable group of citizens who serve as foster parents in our community. Art supplies will be provided.

"Foster parents give these children an opportunity to develop into happy, healthy, beautiful individuals," says Carolyn Fowler, Program Manager, Fairfax County Foster Care and Adoption. Visit the butterfly trees and learn more about the county's foster care program. For more information about the Fairfax County Foster Care Program and to learn how you can help, call 703-324-7639, TTY 703-222-9452. Information is also available at the DFS website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs.

— News, Announcements, & Updates —

⌘ Scholarships for First Annual Community Builders Network Conference ...

This notice is to invite you to participate in *the First Annual Community Builders Network Conference*, August 13-14, at the Richmond Marriott in Richmond, Virginia. The Community Builders Network is a nonprofit membership organization of community coalitions from the Hampton-Newport News area. With support from local, state, and national groups, the Community Builders Network is becoming a statewide organization made up of groups and individuals across the state with a shared commitment to the healthy development of children and their families. This organization will provide a variety of supports to its members including advocacy, training, information, funding news, and expanded local, regional, and statewide networking opportunities. It is hoped that this group will be the grassroots voice for prevention and related efforts across the state.

In an effort to support the Community Builders Network, the Community Services Boards' (CSB) Prevention Task Force of Health Planning Region II, which includes Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax-Falls Church, Loudoun, and Prince William CSBs, has collaborated on a scholarship program so that interested groups and organizations in the region may attend. These scholarships are part of a capacity-building initiative funded through the State Incentive Grant recipients in this region: Loudoun CSB and Fairfax-Falls Church CSB in partnership with the Fairfax County Public Schools. These scholarships are valued at approximately \$350 per person and include:

- conference registration,
- 2 nights lodging at the Richmond Marriot (double occupancy),
- parking at the Richmond Marriot, and
- meals (2 breakfast, 2 lunch, and 1 dinner).
- NOTE: mileage is NOT included in the scholarship

If you would like to take advantage of this scholarship opportunity, please contact Laura Yager by email at: laura.yager@fairfaxcounty.gov ASAP. A preliminary agenda can be faxed to you but it is not available electronically. Remember there are a limited number of scholarships available. It is anticipated that demand will exceed the scholarships available, so get your request in fast!

⌘ Islamic Law 101

The Peaceful Families Project of the FaithTrust Institute (Seattle, WA) will be conducting an intensive 2 1/2 day Workshop in Washington, DC, (hotel not yet finalized) during the first week of October 2004. The workshop is especially directed at judges, lawyers, criminal and civil justice professionals, and legal services, shelter directors, etc., who need to know more about Islamic law and Muslims. The subjects of the training will be: "Islamic Law 101, Understanding the Muslim Community, and Marriage, Divorce, and Child Custody Laws."

The objective is to impart useful information to assist those in the legal profession and others when making decisions concerning Muslim women and their families, and when interfacing with the Muslim community. There will be approximately 15 well-known trainers including several lawyers, academics, researchers, and activists. The cost will be \$400 per person including materials. The cost does not include hotel fees. There will be a company handling all registrations to be announced soon.

Those interested in attending should send their full contact information with name, title, address, phone, fax, and email to Sharifa Alkhateeb, Director, The Peaceful Families Project, P.O. Box 942, Great Falls, VA 22066. Ms. Alkhateeb can also be contacted at 703-980-6333, or by fax at 703-726-1072 or email to nacmu@aol.com with the subject line: "October Workshop."

⌘ Communications Toolkit

This Communications and Marketing Kit has been compiled by the Kellogg Foundation to help its grantee organizations reach and secure support from their many constituencies. It includes both references and specific, detailed steps necessary to understand options, identify resources, plan, implement, and evaluate the effectiveness of a communications/social marketing initiative. This is more than just a link to one specific article – this is a comprehensive Web site that has numerous areas of information that might prove helpful to your agency!

"This toolkit outlines the essential elements for building an effective communications and media relations program. It has been created primarily for Kellogg Foundation grantees. We hope you will find its content provocative, action-oriented, and a link to the many other publications and Internet resources that can help us all do a better job of communicating about our work and serving the needs of society. www.wkkf.org/toolkits/communications."

Karen E. Lake *Director of Marketing and Communications*
W. K. Kellogg Foundation

⌘ Nurturing Parenting Program

The Nurturing Parenting Program is a Fairfax County sponsored program that strives to promote family functioning and fight child abuse through work with parents and their children. This program is designed to be community based, with one faith group or organization providing the space for a 15 – 24 week course (or year-round), and other congregations/groups supporting the program by providing food and childcare on assigned night.

We have programs organizing now in the Mount Vernon area, but we hope that you will consider supporting the host congregation in this effort. With many congregations participating, the burden for any one group will be limited, perhaps only three times per year.

What is Required and How You Can Help ...

Each week we would like a different congregation or group to do two things:

1. Childcare ... provide childcare with our staff – usually 10 – 15 infants through 4-year-olds and six to eight children ages 5 – 11 years. We need two to three volunteers from 5:15 p.m. – 8 p.m. Older teens may volunteer.
2. Food ... prepare/serve/clean up after a dinner for 40 – 50 people. We need approximately five people from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Older teens may volunteer.

Dinner ideas: A sample dinner might include spaghetti, salad, fruit cocktail, rolls, dessert, water, juice, or tea. Other dinner suggestions include chicken (BBQ, fried or baked), Macaroni and Cheese, Beef Macaroni, Pizza, Chicken Nuggets, Cold Cuts, Soups, Lasagna, Hot Dogs, or Casseroles.

For more information about the program, to contact the “host” church in your area, or to sign up, please contact Krissa Slone at 703-324-7745 or via email at Krissa.slone@fairfaxcounty.gov.

— Resource & Grant Opportunities —

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility

Publisher: The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy

By: Lisa M. Montiel, Roundtable Research Scientist

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

There are seven funding opportunities through the Administration for Children and Families for qualified faith-based organizations. The *Field Initiated Service Demonstration Projects in the Adoption Field* will fund five projects that focus on new or innovative approaches to improving the quality of adoption services.

Potential topics include increasing adoption of older children, sibling groups and children with disabilities. Funded projects will address one of the following key priorities: Faith-based and Community Initiatives, Healthy Marriage, Fatherhood, Rural Initiatives, or Positive Youth Development and Prevention.

Those projects that address the "Faith-based and Community Initiatives" priority will address the removal of barriers to full participation of faith-based and community organizations in the delivery of services related to adoption.

A total of \$2 million is available for the program. The ceiling on individual grants is \$400,000. Applications are due July 13, 2004. The complete announcement is in the Federal Register at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10966.pdf>.

The *Family Support Services for Grandparents and Other Relatives Providing Caregiving for Children of Substance Abusing and/or HIV-Positive Women* grant will support the establishment or enhancement of systems of support services. Funded activities include counseling, legal and financial services, and assistance with custodial issues.

Projects will be models for service provision to the targeted population and should include the development and implementation of an evidence-based strategy, provide evidence of the model's effectiveness, and produce materials so that others may replicate the model.

A total of \$400,000 is available with an estimated four grants being awarded in amounts of \$100,000 each. Grantees must provide at least 10 percent of the project cost. Applications are due July 12, 2004. The Federal Register announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10557.pdf>.

Projects creating employment or business opportunities for targeted low-income individuals may apply for a grant under the *Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) Program*.

The four priority areas to be funded are providing technical and/or financial assistance to businesses already in existence, creation of self-employment/micro-enterprise programs, development of new businesses that will train and employ 40-100 TANF individuals, and training women and minorities in non-traditional careers.

A total of \$4.5 million is available for the program. Nine to ten grants will be awarded with an average award amount estimated at \$500,000. Applications are due July 12, 2004. The Federal Register announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10554.pdf>.

Faith-based community development corporations (CDCs) are invited to apply for *Operational Projects* under the Community Services Block Grant Program's *Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program*. The grants are to support a CDC's ability to create new programs that provide employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals. Project activities include business startups, business expansions, and development of new products and services. Projects must result in the creation of new jobs.

A total of \$11 million is available for the program. An estimated 15-17 grants will be awarded with the ceiling on individual award amounts at \$700,000. Applications are due July 12, 2004. The complete program announcement can be found in the Federal Register at

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10558.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Faith-based organizations may apply for a grant through the Children's Bureau entitled, *Demonstration Projects in Post-Adoption Services and Marriage Education*. The grants will support up to seven projects that implement and evaluate evidence-based models for post-adoption services that includes a marriage education component for the adoptive parents.

A total of \$2 million is available with the ceiling on individual award amounts set at \$300,000.

A 10 percent match is required of the grantees. Applications are due July 23, 2004. The complete announcement is at

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-11645.pdf>.

Faith-based community development corporations are invited to apply for three grant opportunities through the *Community Services Block Grant Program: Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program*. The first two are *Incremental Development Projects* grants with the goal of increasing employment and business opportunities for the targeted populations. One grant is exclusively for services to American Indian and Native Alaskan communities and one is for other rural and urban areas. The program announcement outlines the specific eligibility requirements for applicants.

Both grants will support projects that implement business development activities such as business startups, business expansions, new services/industry development, and new commercial activities. Project periods are expected to be up to five years with funding limited to a maximum of \$140,000 for the first stage of a project. Applications for each program are due July 19, 2004.

The total available funding in Fiscal Year 2004 for the *Incremental Development Projects - American Indian and Native Alaskan* is \$140,000 to support one to two projects. The complete program announcement is in the Federal Register at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-11236.pdf>.

The total available funding in Fiscal Year 2004 for the general *Incremental Development Projects* is \$1,120,000. Eight to ten projects will be funded with the average award expected to be \$112,000. The complete program announcement is in the Federal Register at

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-11238.pdf>.

The third funding opportunity through the *CSBG Program: Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program* is for *Planning Projects*. In order to be eligible for this grant, the faith-based community development corporation must be less than three years old or inexperienced in developing and managing economic development projects. The goal of the program is to create and foster employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals.

The grants are to be used to support the successful applicants in planning, developing organizational capacity, identifying potential projects, mobilizing resources and developing a business plan to implement a project. In addition, the applicant may propose to conduct feasibility studies covering business startups, business expansions, new services/industry development, and new commercial activities.

A total of \$750,000 will be awarded to 10-12 successful applicants with individual award amounts anticipated to be \$75,000. The Federal Register announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-11237.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary and Office of Minority Health

HHS has issued an announcement -- "*To Improve Minority Health and Ethnic Disparities in Health*" -- that contains three program funding opportunities. The three were combined into one announcement to facilitate the grant-seeking process for organizations interested in applying for these types of programs. The programs, for which qualified faith-based and other organizations are eligible to apply, are: *Community Programs to Improve Minority Health*, *Bilingual/Bicultural Service Demonstration Program*, and *HIV/AIDS Health Promotion and Education Program*.

Letters of intent are due July 6, 2004, and applications are due August 5, 2004. The combined announcement is in the Federal Register at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-13893.pdf>.

Grants for *Community Programs to Improve Minority Health* will support community-based programs that develop and implement projects benefiting racial and ethnic minority populations in low-income communities. Programs must address one to three of the following health areas: adult immunizations, asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease and stroke, HIV, infant mortality, and obesity. A total of \$3.4 million will support 17-30 projects. Individual grant amounts are anticipated to be between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

The *Bilingual/Bicultural Service Demonstration Program* is designed to increase the ability of health care professionals to provide services to minority communities with limited English proficiency. Applicants will work in partnership with other community-based organizations, minority-serving organizations and health care facilities to improve and expand services to the target population in one to three of the following health areas: cancer, child and adult immunizations, diabetes, environmental health, heart disease and stroke, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, maternal, infant and child health, mental health, obesity, oral health, substance abuse, and tobacco use. A total of \$2.5 million will support 16-20 grants. Individual awards will range from \$75,000 to \$150,000.

The *HIV/AIDS Health Promotion and Education Program* will support outreach and education programs provided by national minority-serving organizations. The funded projects should assist a targeted minority population reduce high-risk behaviors, adopt healthy behaviors, and enhance their knowledge of HIV/AIDS. A total of \$3 million will be awarded to 20-22 successful applicants. Individual awards will range from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Office of the Secretary

The *National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health (CCOE) Program* will assist women's health programs provided by community-based organizations in integrating, coordinating, and strengthening their activity/program linkages. There are many expectations and requirements of a *CCOE program* and interested applicants are urged to carefully read the announcement. Funded activities include developing a framework to bring together many types of services for women, especially Native American women and/or rural/frontier communities; developing effective strategies for training health care providers; and enhancing gender-specific and age-appropriate public education and outreach activities.

\$450,000 will support 2-4 grantees in the first year of their five-year project. Applications are due July 20, 2004. The Federal Register announcement is at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-13894.pdf>

Administration for Children and Families

Qualified organizations, including those which are also faith-based, are eligible to apply for the *Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Demonstration of Improved Services Delivery to Victims of Family Violence Who are Disabled*. These grants are to support projects fostering collaboration among domestic violence service providers, state domestic violence coalitions and entities, including faith-based ones, which provide services for persons with disabilities who have been abused. The projects will plan and develop services and materials for responding to violence against persons with disabilities. Activities funded under this grant are the formation of collaborations, development of educational material on identifying abuse, development of material on best practices for identifying, and intervening in, abuse of persons with disabilities, and developing a strategy to disseminate the resulting educational products.

A total of \$150,000 will fund three projects with individual awards estimated to be \$50,000 each. Applications are due July 19, 2004. The complete announcement is in the Federal Register at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-13736.pdf>.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

There are three research grant opportunities through NIH for faith-based and other organizations that are qualified. The first, *Innovative and Exploratory Research in Digestive Diseases and Nutrition*, will support research applying novel approaches to areas of digestive diseases, associated cancers, and nutrition research. A list of specific research areas of interest is included in the program announcement at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-108.html>. Individual grant amounts vary by the scope and scale of the proposed research. The application deadline for the next cycle of funding is October 1, 2004.

The second research funding opportunity is for *Cross-Disciplinary Translational Research at NIH*. This grant will support research that translates knowledge from existing research into practice for treating and preventing drug abuse. Individual grant amounts vary by the scope and scale of the proposed research project. The application deadline is October 1, 2004. The program announcement can be found at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-109.html>.

The final research funding opportunity through NIH is entitled *Environmental Justice: Partnerships for Communication*. The program announcement especially encourages community-based organizations to apply. Funded projects will provide health research, education, and intervention to reduce the disproportionate exposure of low-income, immigrant, and minority populations to environmental and occupational hazards. Projects will link members of the affected populations with researchers and health care providers so that they may jointly create strategies to address environmental justice. Specific activities funded under this grant are listed in the program announcement.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences at NIH will provide \$1.67 million to fund five to six grants. In addition, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health at NIH will provide \$500,000 for two to three grants. Letters of intent are due October 17, 2004, and applications are due November 17, 2004. The request for applications is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-04-007.html>.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

Faith-based and community-based organizations may apply for two grants from the National Institute of Justice. *Crime and Justice Research Grants* are to support investigations into the following general topics: law enforcement/policing, justice systems, courts, prosecution and defense, corrections, offender programs and treatment, crime prevention/causes of crime, violence and victimization, drugs, alcohol and crime, international crime and justice, and evaluation research.

Under the general topic of "offender programs and treatment," the program announcement includes studies of offender programs operated by community-based or faith-based organizations. Under the general topic of "crime prevention/causes of crime," the program announcement includes studies of faith-based approaches that prevent crime.

Individual awards are expected to range from about \$100,000 to \$300,000. The number of grants awarded under this program is dependent on total available funding. Applications are due September 28, 2004. The solicitation for applications is at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000663.pdf>.

The second grant opportunity through the Department of Justice in which faith-based and other organizations that are qualified may apply is entitled *Data Resources Program 2004: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data*. Grants of up to \$35,000 will be awarded to projects that utilize the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data to conduct original, replicable analysis on a variety of topics listed in the solicitation. Applications are due October 23, 2004. The announcement is at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000635.pdf>.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)

Projects that include an institutional partnership with faith-based or community-based organizations having membership networks may apply for the *Parallel Vote Tabulation and Domestic Observation of 2004 Election Process in Mozambique*. The grant will support one project to conduct a parallel vote tabulation process in the presidential elections (December 2004) at approximately 1500 voting stations. In addition, the grantee must conduct observation of the voting process and vote counting in selected areas of the country.

A total of \$580,000 is available for the project that is anticipated to last for five months. Applications are due July 12, 2004. The request for applications is at: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/AID/Synopses/99/656-04-005/APS%26%23032%3B-%26%23032%3BElection%26%23032%3BActivities.doc>.

Faith-based and community based organizations with the experience and capacity to provide services in Croatia may apply for the *Croatia Trafficking Prevention Activity* cooperative agreement. One award of \$240,000 will be made to an organization to assist in an anti-trafficking program. The funded activities will raise public awareness of the risks of human trafficking and assist the Croatian government in their efforts at prevention, victim identification and assistance, and border security.

Applications are due July 16, 2004. The complete request for applications is at: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/AID/Synopses/109/RFA-160-04--16/RFA-160-04-16.DOC>.

Faith-based and community based organizations with the experience and capacity to provide services in Thailand may apply for the *Supporting War Victims and People with Disabilities in Laos* cooperative agreement. Funded activities will be aimed at increasing rehabilitative services for the targeted populations, improving the policy environment for, and increasing the social and economic reintegration of, civilian victims of war, and improving the capacity to deliver quality services for civilian victims of war.

A total of \$1.5 million is anticipated to fund one cooperative agreement. Applications are due July 22, 2004. The request for applications can be found at <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/AID/OM/THA/LAOS%26%23032%3BRFA%26%23032%3BNo.%26%23032%3B486-04-009/Attachments.html#Full+Announcement+1>.

● — Accommodations — ●

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call 703-324-3453 or TTY 703-803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

● — Back Issues — ●



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